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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I want to give my support to the settlement that was reached in November between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. After three years of litigation, it is time to wrap this up and move forward in the interest of our economy.

The settlement's provisions clearly show that Microsoft did not get off easy, and in fact, made many concessions. Microsoft has agreed to design future versions of Windows to provide a mechanism to make it easy for computer makers, consumers and software developers to promote non-Microsoft software within Windows. This gives consumers the freedom to easily add or remove access to features built in to Windows or to non-Microsoft software. In addition, Microsoft's compliance will be monitored by a three-member Technical Committee to be created by the settlement.

Our economy is hurting right now and continuing this litigation will only add roadblocks to a future recovery. Microsoft is too critical to the business community and the economy to hamper their technological innovation any longer. So I urge you to take no further action on the federal level.

Sincerely,

Bobby Whitehurst

cc:Representative Dick Armey

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